

Will Rogers State Park to Temescal Gateway Park via the Rivas Canyon Trail.

Date: August 15

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Round Trip 4.2 miles Elevation Gain/Loss 910ft

Directions from the Valley:

Take Topanga Canyon to PCH, go south and turn left on Sunset. Go approximately 4 miles (and after Chautauqua Street) turn left on Will Rogers Street. From the 405 take Sunset Blvd. going west and then turn right into Will Roger State Park. If coming north on PCH, after going thru the tunnel, the second light will be Chautauqua. Turn right up the hill. At the top of the hill turn right onto Sunset and watch for Will Rogers Street and turn left. We didn't see a sign for the park traveling east on Sunset. There was one coming west from the 405. Enter & park near the picnic area. Parking Fee is \$7 or if you support the California State Park Foundation, you can use one of your passes.

Refreshments will be provided at the picnic area.

Park yourself in front of a world of choices in alternative vehicles.

Much of the trail is shaded. Warning: watch out for poison oak. There are bathrooms at both parks. We could have cookie break when we get to Temescal Gateway Park. To get to the trailhead, follow the road down past the Parking Kiosk. Go right on the 1st road; go past 2 houses and cross the field diagonally to the entrance to the trail. The trail from the parking lot is closed due to dangerous conditions. There are very few trail markers along the way. At the bottom of the canyon, cross the road and continue the hike on the dirt trail. Later, turn left at the sign that says SMMNRA Hiking Trail and Unsafe for horses. It's quite safe for humans unlike the other trail Joel and I got off on. Stay on the main trail.

For those wanting an additional hiking distance, you can choose to hike to the waterfall, hike on Temescal Ridge Trail, go back to Will Rogers & hike around the grounds or do the Inspiration Point Trail. Waterfall is listed as 2.6 miles round trip & Inspiration Point Loop Trail as 4.0 miles round trip. There is a very interesting video about Will Rogers in a building behind the Ranch House from 10 to 4PM and tours of the Ranch are at 11:00, 1:00 & 2:00PM.

Temescal Canyon to Will Rogers State Park

One Way: 2.1 miles
Round-Trip: 4.2 miles
Elevation Gain/Loss: 910'

- Elevation
- Trail heads
- Ⓟ Parking
- ▬ Service Road
- Trail

